

REMARKS

Please reconsider the application in view of the above amendments and the following remarks.

Disposition of Claims

Claims 1-37 are pending in the application. Restriction to one of the groups of claims I and II was required. Applicant elected group I comprising claims 1-7, 17-13 and 31-37. Claims 8-16 and 24-30 are withdrawn from consideration.

As currently amended, claims 1, 4, 17, 31 and 34 are independent claims. The remaining claims depend directly or indirectly from claims 1, 4, 17, 31 and 34. The amendments to Claims 1, 17 and 31 further describe a quantity of energy available to an end-user from each energy supplier. Applicant has rewritten in independent form claims 4 and 34 such that these claims are now also describe information on the quantity of energy available to the end-user.

Applicant hereby submits this "Amendments to the claims" section which includes an entire set of claims for the present invention with the inclusion of the withdrawn claims in accordance with 37 CFR 1.121.

Applicant believes this reply to be fully responsive to all outstanding issues and place this application in condition for allowance. If this belief is incorrect, or other issues arise, do not hesitate to contact the undersigned at the below listed telephone number.

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